

# City Of New Orleans

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Difficulty: intermediate

Tuning: [E A D G B E](#)

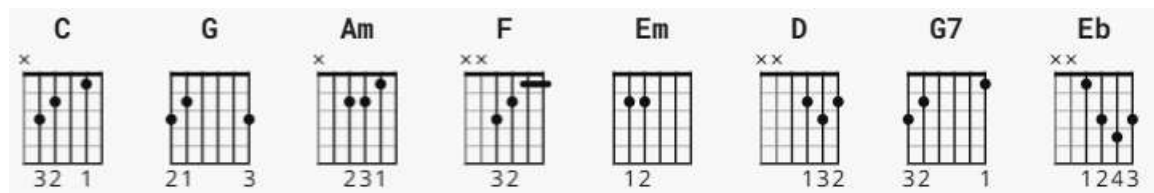
Key: D

Capo: 2nd fret

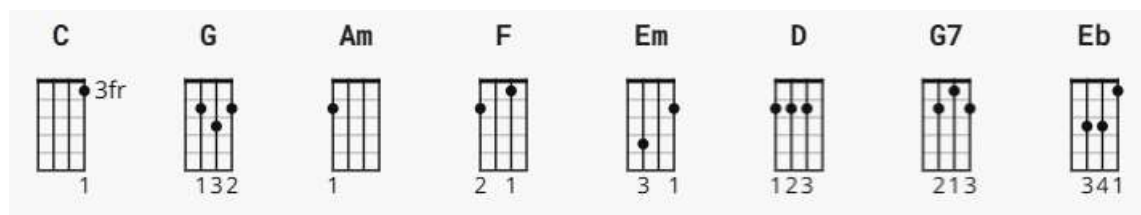
Timing: 4/4

## Chords

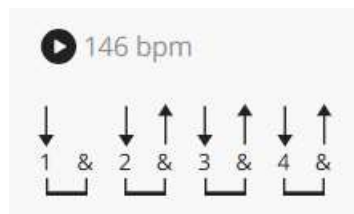
Guitar



Ukulele



## Strumming



[Intro]

C C C C

[Verse]

C G C

Riding on the City of New Orleans

Am F C

Illinois Central, Monday morning rail

C G C

There's fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders

Am G C

Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mail

Am

All along the south bound odyssey,

Em

the train pulls out at Kankakee

G D

Rolls along past houses, farms and fields

Am

Passing trains that have no names

Em

And freight yards full of old black men

G [G7] C

And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles

[Chorus]

F G C

Good morning America, how are you?

Am F C

I said don't you know me, I'm your native son

G C G Am

I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans

Eb F G [G7]

I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is

C C C C

done

[Verse]

C0.

G C

Dealing cards with the old men in the club car

Am F C

A penny a point, there ain't no one keeping score

C G C

Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle

Am G C

I can feel the wheels a-grumbling 'neath the floor

Am

And the sons of Pullman porters

Em

And the sons of engineers

G D

Ride their fathers magic carpet made of steel

Am

And the mothers with their babes asleep

Em

Go rocking to the gentle beat

G [G7] C

And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

[Chorus]

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Eb F G [G7]

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